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APPLICANT: Burgess *et al.*

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/730,617

EXAMINER: Pamela G. Holbrook

FILING DATE: December 5, 2000

ART UNIT: 1647

FOR: NOVEL PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

Response to Restriction Requirement (1 page);
Petition for two-month Extension of Time;
Check #12148 for \$400; and
Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-609 (CURA-109). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 18, 2001, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to polypeptides. Additionally, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:4, without traverse. Applicants make these elections without prejudice to pursuing non-elected subject matter in later applications.

The response is due on or before March 18, 2002. A petition for extension of time is being concurrently filed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 15966-609).

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